

Remarks

In the subject Final Office Action, claims 1-2, 4-13, 17, 21 and 27 were allowed. Claims 19 were rejected. Claims 20 and 24-26 were objected to for being dependent on rejected claims, otherwise allowable.

In response, notwithstanding Applicant's disagreement with the Examiner's reasons for rejecting claim 19, in the interest of expeditiously bringing prosecution on the merit to a close, Applicant has cancelled claim 19, and amended claim 20 to become an independent claim, placing claim 20 into condition of allowance.

Claims 24-26 depend on claim 20. Therefore, for at least the same reasons, claims 24-26 are now in condition for allowance.

Additionally, Applicants have added claims 28-30. Claims 28-30 are patentable for the same reasons as claims 1, 10 and 22.

Accordingly, all remaining pending claims 1-2, 4-13, 16, 20-21, and 24-30 are now in condition of allowance. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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